of certain norms, we have to achieve them. We cannot overestimate or underestimate.

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : What achievement is really . . . *(Interruptions)* . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN : But the Minister has said that the Plan has fixed the target and that there is no way of increasing the target. If they can perform it, it is all right. They may overdo or overfulfil the target.

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Fine, Sir. If the answer is that even in view of the two years' performance, they stick to their targets knowing that it is not achievable and don't want to revise it, it is all right.

Sir, my second supplementary is, what are the annual growth rates projected for the next three years ? From that, we will calculate whether the target is achievable or not. I hope Mr. Gomango will understand this. The past two years' performance makes the target impossible. The Government should come out with a White Paper, telling us what the difficulties are and revising the target downwards. We should not feel ashamed of what is happening. After all, it is not in your hands. I appreciate that it is a high target. In the last two years, the target has not been achieved. The low growth in the last two years is so much that in the next three years, you cannot make it up. Please tell us what the Government's thinking is. For the remaining three years of the Eighth Plan, what the country should look forward to is a realistic achievement during the Eighth Plan period.

SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE : It should be related to inflation. At the same time, inflation is coming down.

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : What Shri Shinde is saying has no relation to my question.

MR. CHAIRMAN : You ignore Mr. Shinde.

SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE : It has a relation.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Please allow the Minister to answer.

SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO : Sir, for the first year of the Eighth Plan, the advance estimate is 4.2%. It is for the first year of the Eighth Five Year Plan. In the current year, i. e. 1993-94, the growth rate is expected to be still higher. Again, you are insisting on why the Government is not going to give a higher estimation figure. Sir, the Government can only give figures where the achievement will be nearer the estimated target and that they are realistic. Otherwise, it will be very difficult to achieve the target. So, I can only say that the Government has to come forward only with a realistic assessment.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Question Hour is over. Now, Papers to be laid on the Table.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Inclusion of Retired Employees in Pension Scheme

*261. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any representation from Textile Retired Labour Union and All India Bidi, Cigar and Tobacco Workers Federation, Gudiyattam, Tamil Nadu urging that the retired employees also be brought under the purview of the proposed Pension Scheme applicable to E. P. F. subscribers; and

(b) if so, what is the action proposed thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As the proposed Pension Scheme is of contributory nature, it is not possible to extend the scheme to all the subscribers who have retired in the past.

बाल श्रम जारी रखने के लिए भारत की भर्त्सना करने वाले देश

*266. श्रीमती सरला माहेश्वरी : क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या बाल श्रम को रोकने के लिए कुछ नई परियोजनाएं शुरू किये जाने का प्रस्ताव है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उनका ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) दुनिया में किन देशों में भारत को यहां बच्चों से कराये जा रहे श्रम के लिए लताड़ा है; और

(घ) क्या इस वजह से कुछ देशों ने भारत से माल का आयात करने पर कोई रोक लगाने का निर्णय लिया है ?

श्रम मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० ए० संगमा) : (क) और (ख) राष्ट्रीय बाल श्रम नीति, 1987 के अनुपालन में व अन्य अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय सहायता प्राप्त कार्यक्रमों के अन्तर्गत नई परियोजनाएं आरंभ करने की परिकल्पना की गई है। अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय श्रम संगठन से सहायता प्राप्त अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय बाल श्रम उन्मूलन कार्यक्रम के अन्तर्गत लगभग 20 अतिरिक्त परियोजना आरंभ करने की सम्भावना है। बाल श्रम के उन्मूलन व निवारण के लिए पहचान किए गए राज्यों व राष्ट्रीय बाल श्रम परियोजना क्षेत्रों में संयुक्त प्रयास किए जाने के प्रस्ताव किये गये हैं। इन परियोजनाओं को राज्य सरकारों व अन्य एजेन्सियों जैसे स्वैच्छिक संगठनों, श्रम संघों, नियोक्ता संघों आदि के घनिष्ठ सहयोग द्वारा कार्यान्वित किया जाना है।

(ग) और (घ) बाल श्रम के विद्यमान होने के लिए किसी देश द्वारा भारत की भर्त्सना नहीं की गई है तथा किसी देश द्वारा भारत से वस्तुओं के आयात पर रोक की घोषणा नहीं की गई है।

Grain storage facilities in North-Eastern Region

@*267. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government propose to provide funds to help the State administration in the North-Eastern Region to create new grain storage facilities; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI A. K. ANTONY): (a) & (b) The Ministry of Civil Supplies, Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution has been providing financial assistance to North-Eastern States for construction of godowns to augment storage capacity available for the Public Distribution System. The scheme has been in operation since 1983-84. Under this scheme, 75% loan and 25% subsidy to meet the cost of construction of godowns was being provided until 1991-92. Since 1992-93, the scheme has been liberalised to provide for 50% loan and 50% subsidy to the State Governments for construction of godowns. The details of financial assistance provided to the North-Eastern States under the scheme are as follows:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

State	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91	1992-93	1993-94
Meghalaya	6.00	—	—	—	—
Nagaland	5.36	2.46	—	25.00	—
Assam	—	—	20.00	—	—
Mizoram	—	—	—	61.35	—
Tripura	—	—	—	30.00	—
Arunachal Pradesh	—	—	—	4.00	—
Manipur	—	—	—	—	—

No assistance was released during the year 1991-92.

Grants to Voluntary Agencies for Identification and Rehabilitation of Bonded Labour

*268. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of grant given during the last three years under a plan scheme of grants-in-aid to voluntary agencies for identification and rehabilitation of bonded labour;

(b) the number of voluntary agencies which have received these grants; and

(c) the number of bonded labours released and rehabilitated during this period by such voluntary agencies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (c) During the last three years ending 31-3-1993, an amount of Rs. 5.000 has been released to two voluntary agencies identified by the Government of Rajasthan during 1991-92, as Central Share for managerial

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